



From the Editorial Team:

This is the inaugural Malaysia Post e-Newsletter of the High Commission of Malaysia in Ottawa. It provides information on Malaysian Government initiatives and policies, consular information and activities undertaken by the High Commission of Malaysia in Ottawa.

We will be publishing more issues in the future, and encourage you to look out for our July-December 2016 issue! Should you have any enquiries or would like to contribute in our e-Newsletter, please email me at zahaslan@kln.gov.my.

Thank you and have a pleasant read!

Tengku Zahaslan, Editor

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From the High Commissioner's Desk

by Dato' Aminah Tun Karim Shaharudin

Salam from Ottawa,

Happy indeed to be back in Canada AND in exciting times! The new Justin Trudeau Government has created positive vibes, among Canadians in particular and the world in general. This is a Government that has injected a breath of fresh air as reflected in its willingness and readiness to welcome 25,000 Syrian refugees. Canadians in return have embraced this with open arms by taking community driven initiatives to help settle them in. PM Trudeau's openness is also evident from the gender balanced and inclusively plural Cabinet. This government's international policy thrust is that globally, "Canada is back" as succinctly put by PM Trudeau. In other words, Canada is open for business.

Malaysia has enjoyed strong ties with Canada for a long time. And there is every opportunity to build on this. I can see Malaysia and Canada more closely cooperating on numerous fronts particularly peacekeeping, climate change, fight against terrorism, and disarmament in tandem with traditional areas such as trade and investment, education and defence. I am encouraged that Malaysian businesses are keen to operate in Canada, with the PETRONAS LNG project in British Columbia being a prime example. This presents a great opportunity for enhanced economic relations.

Since my arrival, my team and I have revved up activities to develop ties with Canadians, Malaysians and the international community. In six months, we have revived the Canada-Malaysia Interparliamentary Friendship Group, organised and managed a working visit by Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department to the Canadian parliament and reached out to and engaged with large numbers of Malaysian students, expatriates and other diaspora in Ontario and Quebec.

Of particular significance, the High Commission took part for the first time, in the annual Doors Open Ottawa initiative by Ottawa City Hall on 4 June 2016. The turnout of at least 900 visitors was a pleasant surprise and proved to be a big boost in creating awareness of and fostering ties with Malaysia among the Ottawa community – Canadians, Malaysians and expatriates alike

I congratulate and thank the team for their support especially for this inaugural issue of Malaysia Post. I look forward to contributing to and reading this newsletter.

My family and I are excited to get to know more Canadians and in return for them to know Malaysia and all that we have to offer.

Selamat Membaca. Happy Reading.

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Arrival of the New High Commissioner

by Tengku Zahaslan, First Secretary

Her Excellency Dato' Aminah Hj. A. Karim, High Commissioner for Malaysia to Canada presented her Letters of Credence to His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada at Rideau Hall on Tuesday, 26 January 2016.

Dato' Aminah is a career diplomat and has served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the past 32 years. This is her second assignment to Canada, the first being from 1988 to 1991 as First Secretary. Dato' Aminah's other foreign service assignments include Indonesia, Ukraine and Croatia. Prior to her current posting, she held the position of Deputy Director General at the Institute of



Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia.

Dato' Aminah is accompanied by her spouse, Mr. A G Shaharudin, and their youngest son, Reza, who is currently pursuing a Bachelor degree at Carleton University, Ottawa.

During the ceremony, the Governor General mentioned about his State Visit to Malaysia from 13-16 November

2011 as "an experience that he will always remember". He stated that Malaysia is an important partner for Canada in Southeast Asia. Canada and Malaysia worked closely together in ASEAN and have collaborated in recent years on security concerns, including counter-terrorism, nuclear safety and training. He also expressed hope that cooperation between both countries will expand into other and new spheres.



Application for Malaysian visa in Canada can be made either at the High Commission of Malaysia in Ottawa or Consulate General in Vancouver (for applicants from British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Alberta)

Applying for Malaysian visa

by Mohd Nasir Aris, Second Secretary

Holder of a Canadian Passport does not require a visa to enter Malaysia for tourism purpose for a stay of up to three (3) months, provided your passport is valid for more than six (6) months upon arrival. For other nationalities, the information can be found at www.imi.gov.my.

Visa application can be submitted at:

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60 Boteler Street
Ottawa, ON K1N 8Y7
CANADA
Tel. No. : (613) 241 5182

Fax : (613) 241 5214
E-Mail : mwottawa@kln.gov.my

Submission Time: 9.30 am - 12.30 pm
(Monday – Friday)
Delivery Time : 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm
(Monday – Friday)
Business Hours: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm,
2.00 pm - 5.00 pm
(Monday – Friday)

** Application submitted in the evening will be processed in the next working day.*

** Office will be closed on Saturday, Sunday, and public holidays.*

ACTIVITIES IN PICTURES

**MASCO Annual Dinner**

30 April 2016 – The High Commission of Malaysia attended the annual dinner event organised by Malaysian Students Club Ottawa (MASCO)

FAST FACTS

156

Number of Malaysian visas issued by the High Commission of Malaysia, Ottawa from Jan-June 2016

4

Lost/Stolen Malaysian passports in Canada reported from Jan-June 2016.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you are interested to know more consular information, kindly contact the following:

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Malaysia My Second Home (MM2H)

by Mohd Nasir Aris, Second Secretary

The **Malaysia My Second Home** program (commonly abbreviated "MM2H") is an international residency scheme enacted by the Government of Malaysia to allow foreigners to live in the country on a long-stay visa of up to 10 years. To qualify for the program, applicants must meet certain financial and medical criteria. Successful applicants are then entitled to enter and leave the country on a largely unrestricted basis, and also benefit from other incentives aimed at making their stay in Malaysia more convenient. Certain restrictions may apply.

The program is open to all citizens of countries recognised by Malaysia regardless of race, religion, gender or age. Applicants are allowed to bring along their spouse and unmarried children below 21 years old.

Application can be made via any of the following channels.

Authorised sponsor companies

Application can be made through a number of private Malaysian companies, known as "sponsors", which offer application and follow-up services to foreigners. While the fees charged and services rendered can vary drastically from one sponsor to another, only authorised companies licensed by the Ministry of Tourism can provide such services to MM2H participants.

Personal Application

As from January 2009 the Malaysian government allowed individual applications. Applications for those wishing to reside in

Peninsula Malaysia are accepted at the MM2H One-Stop centre in Kuala Lumpur.

Where the applicant wishes to reside in the states of Sabah or Sarawak, applications need to be sent to the respective Immigration offices or MM2H One-Stop centres in either of these states.



MM2H PROGRAMME

If you are interested to know more information on the MM2H programme you can browse its official page at www.mm2h.gov.my, and also contact Tourism Malaysia office in Vancouver at the following:

MARKETING MANAGER
Ms. Sandra Ngoh-Fonseka

Phone: (604) 689-8899

Email: sandra@tourismmalaysia.ca

Vying for a Third Term in ICAO Council

by Tengku Zahaslan, First Secretary

Civil Aviation is an integral part of Malaysia's globalised economy. It connects the nation to global markets, facilitating trade, expanding export markets, generating tourism and a key enabler of business and commerce. The progressive liberal aviation policy of Malaysia over the years has been successful in the growth of Malaysian aviation sector:

- In 2015, Malaysia was ranked 6th in the world in terms of freight tons carried and 14th in terms of passenger kilometers performed on scheduled flights
- Total passenger traffic increased to 64.4 million in 2014 as compared to 33.5 million

in 2006. Freight volume as of October 2015 is at 818,058,018 matrix tons

- The Kuala Lumpur International Airport is ranked 19th top airport in the world, according to Skytrax. It has facilities to handle up to 70 million passengers per year

Malaysia has been a member state of ICAO since 1958, and was first elected to the council of ICAO in 2007. The next election of the ICAO Council will be held during the 39th ICAO Assembly on 27th September – 7th October 2016. Malaysia has submitted its candidature to be re-elected to the Council and is on the right track to win the seat for the third term.



Doors Open Ottawa 2016

by Tengku Zahaslan, First Secretary

On 4 June 2016, the High Commission of Malaysia in Canada joined 132 other buildings around Ottawa in opening its doors to the public. This is the first time the High Commission participated in the annual Doors Open Ottawa event led by the City of Ottawa. At least 900 visitors were received.

Visitors to the High Commission were treated to a number of interesting exhibitions. Paintings by a Toronto-based Malaysian artist, Ms Nik Haniza Menzies were featured in the waiting room, alongside other arts relating to Malaysia. The library displayed tourism information, brochures and general information on Malaysia and travel to the country. There was also a cultural display of Malaysian traditional costumes, handicrafts

and games, and another dedicated to Malaysian history and a video presentation on its iconic kite, the 'Wau Bulan'.

In conjunction with Doors Open Ottawa, the High Commission joined hands with Malaysian students and member of the Ladies Association of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

(PERWAKILAN) to offer Malaysian Street Food in its compound. Mouthwatering Malaysian traditional food and drinks including roti canai, satay, nasi lemak, nasi dagang, teh tarik, ais kacang and Malay cakes were prepared. The mood was festive as visitors picnicked - enjoying their food accompanied by Malaysian tunes.

Celebrating its 15th anniversary, Doors Open Ottawa continues to be the second-largest Doors Open architectural event in North America. The High Commission of Malaysia in Canada is pleased to be part of this highly popular event.



THE CHANCERY BUILDING

The Chancery building was constructed in 1963 and previously owned by the L'Association canadienne-français de L'Ontario. Acquired by the Malaysian Government in 1974, the building is now home to the High Commission of Malaysia and features a distinctive architectural design.



Establishment of Special Economic Committee

by Dzulkefly Abdullah, Minister-Counsellor

On 26 August 2015, Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, who is also Finance Minister unveiled the structure and functions of the Special Economic Committee (SEC) which would consider immediate and medium-term planning to further strengthen the country's economic fundamentals.

The setting up of SEC took into account the



current situation to tackle and reduce any global impact on the country's economy. The decision to set up SEC was based on the need of the government to develop and implement immediate measures and plans to ensure that Malaysia continues to grow.

The SEC reports directly to Prime Minister cum Finance Minister and the latter would scrutinise the current issues like the ringgit's value, maintaining the stability of the financial industry as well as improving confidence in the capital markets.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department in charge of Economic Planning Unit (EPU) chairs the committee which comprises economists and corporate leaders. Other members include:

- vii) Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
- viii) Chairman of Association of Banks in Malaysia
- ix) President of Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers.

The committee is placed under a secretariat in the Economic Planning Unit headed by its Deputy Director General. Several officers from the Finance Ministry, Bank Negara Malaysia (Central Bank), Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Securities Commission, Prime Minister's Office and Economic Planning Unit, Prime Minister's Department are also included in the committee.

The committee is a short-term measure and would only be operational until the global economy improves. The committee has come up with a number of recommendations to ensure that the country's economy remains resilient in the face of the volatile global economy. These measures include stabilising Malaysia's financial market, encouraging private sector investments and meeting the needs of the people. The government's move to embrace diversities in managing Malaysia's economy had allowed the country to weather the uncertain global economy.

- i) Deputy Chairman of Khazanah Nasional Bhd.
- ii) Khazanah Nasional Managing Director
- iii) Chief Adviser of China Banking Regulatory Commission
- iv) Chief Executive of Symphony Life Bhd.
- v) CIMB Group Chairman
- vi) RAM Holdings Bhd. Chief Executive Officer

ACTIVITIES IN PICTURES



AGM of the Canada-Malaysia Interparliamentary Friendship Group

High Commissioner Dato' Aminahtun attended the Annual General Meeting of the Canada-Malaysia Interparliamentary Friendship Group on 5 May 2016 hosted by Senator Victor Oh at Parliament Hill.



SPKM Meeting

A meeting of Heads of Malaysian agencies in Canada was held on 7 April 2016. Representatives from the Consulate General in Vancouver, Tourism Malaysia, Permanent Representative of Malaysia in ICAO and MATRADE attended the meeting chaired by the High Commissioner.



Charity Cause

Staff of the High Commission lent a helping hand to Sadaqa Foodbank which were moving to a new location. The food bank is one of the few that serves halal food to the needy.

Selamat Datang & Selamat Tinggal

Incoming officers

1. Tengku Zahaslan Tuan Hashim, First Secretary (arrived 11 December 2015)
2. H.E. Dato' Aminah Tun Karim Shaharudin (arrived 19 January 2016)
3. Mohd Nasir Aris, Second Secretary (arrived 13 January 2016)

Outgoing officers

1. Rosfan Ramlee, Third Secretary (left 2 January 2016)
2. Deddy Faisal Ahmad Salleh (left 3 June 2016)



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